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In response to the Office Action mailed July 7, 2004, applicants elect Figure 4 without traverse, on which claim 2 is readable.

In the subject Office Action, Figure 4 was not identified as a species. In accordance with a telephone conference between the undersigned and the Examiner on August 3, 2004, and the application as filed (by way of non-limiting example, the specification, page 13 at lines 21-23), Figure 4 is elected to continue prosecution in the subject application.

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